

THE MYSTERY OF
THOMAS MERITHEW.

(Continued.)

In 18—Thomas Merithew, a wealthy gentleman of Buffalo, died. His life had been exemplary. He had expended large sums in charity and on his church. He had never been in business, nor had it been necessary for him to earn money, for he had inherited a fortune, which grew steadily while in his possession. Since he left no children, his wife inherited all his property. A few years after his death the wife died, and the estate passed into the possession of Merithew's nephew, his nephew.

During Thomas Merithew's life there were whisperings concerning him. It was said that he did not live happily with his wife and that he would frequently go away from her; that when he did so no one knew where he went; that at such times instead of being a model of probity he led a wild life. But there was a discrepancy in these reports, for if no one knew where he went how could it be known that he lived a wild life?

Ten years after his death his former friends and acquaintances were astonished to read in a newspaper that a young man living in New York city had put in a claim for the Merithew fortune. This person had been brought up under the name of Edward Coyle, but claimed the name of Edward Merithew, asserting that he was a legitimate son of Thomas Merithew, that his mother had been married to Merithew prior to the latter's marriage to his acknowledged wife and that as the sole surviving heir he was entitled to all of his father's property.

The case proved intensely interesting to both those who knew the Merithews and to the public generally. As soon as it was begun the rumors that had been circulated during Thomas Merithew's life took shape. Leonard Griffin, a Buffalonian, testified that he had had a speaking acquaintance with Merithew; that on one occasion while visiting New York he had met Merithew on Wall street, had bowed to him, and Merithew passed on without noticing him. Wondering if he could be mistaken in his man, he followed him and saw him go into an office. Merithew soon came out, and Griffin, going in, asked who the man was. He was told that he was William Coyle, ostensibly a bond broker, but really a speculative investor.

Another witness, Putnam Palmer, testified that in a restaurant in New York he had seen a man he supposed to be Merithew. Merithew was with a woman and a boy. Palmer looked at Merithew, who returned his gaze without recognition. Upon inquiry at the desk he was informed that the man often dined there with the woman and the boy, who were understood to be his wife and son.

Leonard Anderson testified that Merithew had told him that there was a man in New York who so closely resembled him that the two men were often mistaken for each other. Counsel for defendant before the trial came on had endeavored to find this double. He traced him up to a date not far from that of Merithew's death; then the double suddenly disappeared. He also searched for the wife and son, but could find no trace of them. The attorney made a strong point of the fact that they had made no claim to Merithew's fortune at the time of his decease.

Witnesses were produced who knew Thomas Coyle of New York, and they one and all testified that he was not a man of good character by any means. He was known to have been interested in the organization of spurious corporations, from which he invariably reaped with the money of the credulous investors.

There would have been no case at all for the claimant had it not been for Thomas Merithew's frequent disappearances. Counsel for the defense made every effort to fix the place or places to which he went during one or more of his absences from home, but failed. The moment he left Buffalo he seemed to have passed out of existence. Ingersoll, the defendant, ransacked his aunt's letters, hunting for one from her husband written during one of these periods, but found none to prove that he was not in New York.

When the trial was concluded and the jury returned to the room to announce a verdict it was found that there was no agreement. Six jurors were for the plaintiff and six for the defendant. Of course there was a new trial. New evidence adduced at this trial was mentioned by Mrs. Thomas Merithew in a letter to her husband of a former marriage of her husband, but when Merithew had come to Buffalo many years before he gave out that he had married at nineteen and his wife had died. An acquaintance of Mrs. Coyle testified that she was not an educated woman and must have been a few years older than her husband. The defendant stated that she had died very soon after the death of Thomas Merithew.

A second trial resulted, like the first, without a verdict, though ten of the twelve jurors were in favor of the plaintiff. After this second trial the plaintiff withdrew his claim. He afterward lived in comfort under the name of Coyle. It was supposed that he had been settled out of court. There were two theories held among those who followed the case with reference to the cause of this compromise. One is that Ingersoll was convinced that the claimant was the right man, the other that he believed that he would eventually convince the public and have since equally divided.

EMMA L. C. BURKE.

Good Proof.

"You weren't yourself, uncle, when you came home last night."
"Oh, I wasn't here!" Your aunt wouldn't have let another man in."

THREAT SENT
TO FARLEYPolice Seeking the Man Who
Wrote to the Archbishop

THREATEN POLICE DEPUTY

General Bingham Says Letters Have
Been Received by One of Men Under
Him—More Wall Street De-
tectives.

New York, March 4.—Archbishop Farley, head of the Catholic church in New York, has been threatened by anarchists. His subordinates are in communication with the police in an effort to hunt down the authors, but remarkable secrecy has been maintained concerning the affair. General Bingham, police commissioner, was told indirectly about the matter, and his men are at work on the case.

This threat against the archbishop follows quickly on the assassination of Father Leo Heinrichs at the altar of the church of St. Elizabeth in Denver, and the threats which have been made against the life of a well-known Catholic clergyman of Chicago. In this latter case Frank Zajack was arrested shortly



SCENE IN ACT I, "WHEN KNIGHTHOOD WAS IN FLOWER," BARRE OPERA HOUSE, FRIDAY, MARCH 6.

after the attempt had been made in Chicago Monday to kill Chief of Police Shippy.

In discussing the letter that had been received by the archbishop, General Bingham would give little information. He spoke of it in the course of a conversation about efforts to stop the work of the anarchists.

"Archbishop Farley has, we understand, received a letter full of threats," he said. "We are in communication with him."

When the commissioner was asked for additional information, he refused to say anything, and indicated that he feared that he had already said too much.

Both the archbishop and Father Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral, were out of town yesterday. The former will return to-day and the latter came back last night.

The protection of Archbishop Farley is not, however, the only direction in which the efforts of the police department against anarchists have been extended. One of the deputy police commissioners—it could not be learned which at police headquarters—has received a threatening letter, and efforts are now being made to run down the author.

Twenty detectives have been added to the detective bureau in Wall street. The circulation of a letter by an anarchist, asking that people rise and plunder Wall street was the chief object of Wall street was the chief cause for this addition to the down town detective force. The police commissioners believed that with more men in the financial district it will be much easier to watch strange characters that may be prowling about through Wall and Broad streets with possible bombs.

The Chicago anarchist Zajack, who was taken into custody, was charged with having sent the letter which Propolis Null, prior of the Benedictine Fathers, received some days ago. The prisoner, who is thirty-eight years old, lives on the border of the Ghetto district. He admitted having sent to the priest a demand for \$1,000.

Features of the procession were the representations given by the Colonial school of the Sultan of Morocco and his suite in search of a partnership at which he might raise money on the imperial jewels, and a portrayal of the ceremony of buying the gullotine, given by the law students.

Meliss Pleas Not Guilty to Perjury.
New York, March 4.—Charles W. Meliss appeared before Justice Dowling in the supreme court yesterday morning and withdrew the demurrer which he had interposed to the indictment charging him with perjury. He then pleaded not guilty and was given ten days in which to make any further motions.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

USE OF GOOD SOAP.

Its Effects on the Complexion Is Nothing Short of Marvelous.

It is useless to obscure rules for having a good complexion and to go in for dieting to clear the skin if one is not particular as to the kind of soap used. The amount of carelessness shown in selecting this cleanser is amazing, for a woman will, as a rule, take whatever is offered in a shop and will continue using it for weeks or months without noticing what its effect may be upon the flesh.

As a matter of fact, in one way or another its effect on the skin is quite as positive as that of certain foods upon the digestion. The skin is by no means benefited simply because soap has been applied, nor is it necessarily cleaned. The skin so called cleansing agent may be quite too drying, and in this case, though it removes dirt, the skin is left in such a condition as to absorb impurities more readily, and blackheads and pimples are apt to result, or, instead of being over-drying, there may be too much oil in the soap, and, though the skin is cleaned, it becomes greasy and the pores enlarged owing to an excess of fats.

Having found a good soap, use it freely on the face, but always take care that it is well rinsed afterward. There is too much dirt in city streets to think that it can be removed with clear water or even with cloth or brush, while, as to the dust of the country, it is just the thing to make wrinkles by drying the skin if allowed to stay on and work into the pores.

HOUSEHOLD SUGGESTIONS.

In order to prevent the pile of velvet from being crushed while stitching it place a piece of the same material face downward on it. The fingers will not then flatten the pile.

When sewing a piece of material on the bias to a straight piece avoid stretching the former by placing it underneath.

The gas sometimes burns poorly because the mantle is blackened. Remove the globe, shake salt freely on the mantle and light. When all the black is burned off, turn out the light, replace the globe, and the gas will have its customary brilliancy.

The rollers of a clothes wringer may be easily and effectively cleaned by rubbing them with a cloth which has been dipped in coal oil.

In order to be sure that the coconut for pies and candy is perfectly fresh it is well to buy the whole fruit and shred it in the meat chopper.

It is said that if an onion is cut into small pieces and placed about a room it will absorb many disagreeable odors, including fresh paint and turpentine. A few economical housewives have

tried grinding their tea leaves like coffee, and they declare that the result is excellent, only about half the usual quantity being used. Of course the tea strainer must be as fine as can be bought.

Hang oranges and lemons in wire baskets and they will keep fresh much longer.

Before boning a bodice bend the steels or whalebone at the waist line. The waist will fit better in consequence.

A BREAKFAST DISH.

Famous Recipe In Which Eggs Figure Very Conspicuously.

If the family be inclined to growl when you serve them eggs for breakfast or luncheon, says a housekeeper noted for her good cooking, boil six eggs hard. Remove the yolks and chop the whites very fine. Put the yolks through a vegetable press.

Make a pint of cream sauce, using either all cream or half milk, and thicken with a tablespoonful of butter and one of sifted flour.

Moisten one cupful of rolled bread or cracker crumbs in one-quarter cupful of melted butter.

Chop fine one cupful of cold boiled ham.

In a pudding dish put a layer of the buttered crumbs, then a layer of chopped whites, cream sauce and ham and on top of the ham the yolks, sprinkled with a little chopped parsley. Repeat until all the material is used, having the buttered crumbs on top.

Season the ham with lemon and a little onion juice, the egg with salt and the breadcrumbs with salt and pepper.

Bake until the crumbs are brown.

This will serve from six to eight persons.

To Take on Flesh.

Drink plenty of water.
Eat plenty of starchy foods.
Sleep ten hours out of the twenty-four.

Give full play to the lungs in breathing.

Refuse to worry.
Take six raw eggs a day.
Drink plenty of cream and milk.
Exercise only moderately.

Town Topics.

The city of Philadelphia has paid for a strip of land one inch by 175 feet at Broad and Walnut streets \$32,500.

Lassa, formerly the mysterious too hidden city, will, if report be true, be joined to the rest of the world by telegraph, and there is to be a Tibetan newspaper.

Victims of robberies in New York city, aggregating more than \$540,000 last year, let the thieves escape punishment by failing to appear against them in court.

The town of Seymour, Conn., wants to change its name to Humphreys in honor of its founder, General David Humphreys, who was an aid on General Washington's staff.

THE SCRAP BOOK

A Seaside Hero.

No man is a hero while seasick. Lafayette was sent by Washington and congress to France to ask further supplies of men and money for the American colonies. He sailed from Boston in the frigate Alliance, and a passage had to be cut for the ship through the ice. Off the Newfoundland banks the ship was assailed by a terrible tempest, which threatened destruction, and Lafayette was very sick. His aide-de-camp, the Chevalier de Pontbriand, who relates the incident in his memoirs, heard him soliloquizing thus on the hopelessness of the situation and the emptiness of glory:

"Diabol! I have done well certainly. At my time of life—barely twenty years of age—with my name, rank and fortune and after having married Mile. de Noailles, to leave everything and serve as a breakfast for codfish!"

The Full Particulars.

The other day a lady who lives in our town entered a grocery store and asked to be shown a good kind of breakfast cereal.

The clerk took down a package and said: "Madam, this is a predigested food."

"Oh, is that so?" she returned. "And by whom?"—Woman's Home Companion.

Success, by a Failure.

When you are Nobody,
And live afar—
In garret happily
Beneath some star,
How great you plan to be,
What things you'll dare,
When you are Somebody,
And have no care!
How sweet it seems,
How sweet, ah, yes!
The golden dream
Men call success!

When you are Somebody,
And all you meet
Bow down in flattery
Before your feet:
What of the friends you know,
Who saw you climb,
Are they still true to you
As in past time?

Ah, well-a-day!
For who could guess
The price you pay
To win success?

But when 'tis yours at last
You'd give your gold
To live again the just,
The days of old:
The days you loved so well,
When friends were few,
When, though you'd failed and fell,
Your friends were true.

Ah, well-a-day!
For who could guess
The price you pay
To win success?

The flustering ring,
The false career,
And that's the thing
Men call success!

—Pall Mall Gazette.

HAS NOT
TOLD ALLOpinion That the Whole Truth
Not Yet Known

IN CARKINS' MURDER CASE

Carkins Case Still Holds the Elements of
Mystery—Many People in County
Doubt Advisability of Bring-
ing Roy Back.

Portsmouth, N. H., March 4.—Did Gladia Calla tell the whole truth to the authorities of the Rockingham county in her story of the death of her brother, George A. Carkins, at Newington on January 2? There are some people in this city who believe that she did not.

Mrs. Albert Durgin, a neighbor, has told of seeing the Roy automobile pass her house at great speed at about 15 minutes before eight on the night of Jan. 2, going toward Portsmouth. Mrs. Roy, or Gladia Calla, has said that her brother was killed a few minutes before eight and her mother, Mrs. James D. Kelley, is authority for the statement that her daughter arrived at her house with the news of the shooting at about eight o'clock.

At the de Rochemont house, from which Mr. Kelley telephoned for Doctor Junkins, it is said that Kelley arrived there just before nine o'clock and Doctor Junkins says that he received his summons by telephone at just about that hour. The distance between the Kelley and de Rochemont homes could be covered by a man walking at only a moderately rapid pace in 10 minutes. Why Kelley delayed so long in summoning a physician if he knew of the shooting at eight o'clock and where the Roy automobile was going if Carkins was killed at the time stated by his sister, are mysteries yet to be explained.

Mrs. Roy says that her brother was her idol and there was no sacrifice that she would not make for him. She is still eager to avenge his death and has said if the attempt to secure Roy's extradition fails it will be the greatest blow of her life.

Many people in Rockingham county are of the opinion that the extradition of Roy would entail expense really needless, as there is some doubt if the authorities have evidence sufficient for his conviction.

It is now quite generally believed that after the killing of Carkins Roy shot at his wife, but failing to hit her, thought better of it and decided not to take her life.

Mrs. Roy will return to New York this week, unless the county authorities wish her to remain here.

A movement was begun to secure the arrest and punishment of the newspaper men who are alleged to have broken into the Roy home and stolen some photographs, but it is now said that the Boston paper with which the reporters are connected has succeeded in inducing the authorities to drop the matter.

There are no new developments in the case and none are expected until the matter of the extradition of Roy has been definitely settled.

CAR AND FOUNDRY
STARTS UP WORKS AGAIN.

4,000 Employees Go Back to Their Jobs in Berwick, Pa.

Berwick, Pa., March 4.—After having been shut down for the last two weeks in all its departments, the Berwick plant of the American Car and Foundry company has resumed work, giving employment to 4,000 employees.

First Aid in Accidents.

A country boy knows that the fine dust of brown fungi he calls puffballs will stop bleeding. When he cuts himself he hunts for one of those if the cut is not serious. If the cut is deep it is wise to bathe it in warm water with carbolic in it or a tablet of chloride of mercury dissolved in the water. Carefully remove all foreign matter in the washing and then, pinching the lips of the cut together, put on strips of adhesive plaster. Be sure to leave little spaces for pus to run out. This running of pus is a natural process and is not alarming unless persistent and the pus comes in unreasonable quantities. Sometimes the blood flows so rapidly that you cannot close the wound with plaster. If so tie a bandage tightly above the wound before you attend to the wound itself. This will stop the flow of blood, and nature having formed her clot you can do your part with plaster.—Harper's.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Prepare for the worst. It is liable to happen.

The "truth that hurts" is the only variety some people ever tell.

When you cry, you are learning something you should have known before.

A man who knows his own faults well is never so severe on those he may discover in others.

All the world laughs at a rich man's jokes. All the world regards the poor man as a joke to laugh at.—Atchison Globe.

Frappe Music.

When your heart is gaily singing
And the rushing wind you feel,
What tune can match the ringing
Of the skater's shining steel?

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Where the Proverbs Fall.
"You know, my dear, man proposes."
"Not always, auntie. This is leap year."—Baltimore American.

Heavens!
"Our feet is going round the world.
Who knows why it goes?"
An Englishwoman then remarked,
"Evans only knows!"

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AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE.

Harriman and Gerry Families, Long Prominent in History, United.

New York, March 4.—Miss Cornelia Harriman, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harriman, was married at noon yesterday to Robert Livingstone Gerry, son of Commodore and Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry of New York. The ceremony occurred at Grace Episcopal church and was one of the most brilliant of the many notable weddings which have marked the New York social season.

The bride was given away by her father and the officiating clergyman was Rev. Dr. W. R. Huntington, pastor of Grace church, assisted by Rev. J. H. McQuinn of Arden, where Mr. Harriman's country place is located, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. C. Dunne, the bishop of Albany. The maid of honor was Miss Mary Harriman, the bride's sister, and the bridesmaids were the Misses Ruth Averill, Marion A. Clark, Margaret Dix, Elsie Howland and Anita Peabody. The best man was Peter Golet Gerry and the ushers were Robert Golet, Bradish A. Johnson, William Shackleton, Frederick Kernochan, Munson Morris, William Averill Harriman, all of New York, and Aaron Davis and John S. Ames of Boston.

The union of these two prominent families is given peculiar interest by the fact that it is essentially an American marriage, there having been no foreign intermarriages in either family for more than a hundred years. The bride's ancestry, through the Neilson and Blocker line, was closely identified with the early civil and military history of the republic. John Neilson, her great great grandfather, was a colonel in the continental army under Washington and was elected from New Jersey to both the continental congress and the constitutional convention, but was unable to take his seat in those bodies. Mr. Gerry, who is a Harvard man, is the great grandson of the provincial patriot and legislator, Elbridge Gerry, of Massachusetts.

REWEWS WIFE HE HAD
DIVORCED IN HASTE.

Stamford Man Admits He Was Quick Tempered Toward Bride Eight Years Ago.

Stamford, Ct., March 4.—Andrew Charlton, Jr., of this city, married in haste, repented at leisure, and now he has remarried the woman he divorced. Anna L. Reynolds was 14 years old when she ran off to Portsmouth with Charlton and was married to him in 1892. Charlton was then a quick and quick tempered, as he admits now.

After several separations Charlton got a divorce in Connecticut eight years ago on the ground of desertion. Mrs. Charlton did not contest the case.

Twice after the divorce the couple met. The first meeting was on an elevated train in New York. She entered the car in a hurry and a seat along side her former husband. They chatted away their embarrassment for a while. They met again in Stamford on the street, and there was more chatting.

A few days ago Charlton received a letter from his former wife, asking that he return to her a family album. The next mail carried his reply asking why she did not come for it. She answered that she had heard he was married. Charlton lost no time in setting her right on that score, and then Miss Reynolds came to Stamford and had a long interview with Charlton. They decided both had made mistakes that could be avoided in the future. They were made one again in this city.

GRAVE OF PAUPER
MRS. NOYES' FATE?

No One Claims Body of the Newburyport Woman Slain in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 4.—The body of Mrs. Charlotte L. Noyes of Newburyport, who was shot to death by Charles W. P. McComas, in the parlor of her home, is at a local morgue unclaimed, and it seems certain now that she will be given a pauper's funeral. Many women have called to view the body, but none of her former friends came forward with any suggestions about funeral arrangements. The inquest will be held to-day.

McComas is still at the county hospital, and worse off physically than at any time heretofore. He is in danger of losing the sight of his left eye, which is badly swollen by the acid he says Mrs. Noyes threw in his face.

EXPLOSION ON TRAIN
RUNNING FULL SPEED.

Cargo of Powder Blows Up and Two Are Fatally Injured.

Litfield, Ill., March 4.—A cargo of powder carried by a freight train on the Big Four railroad exploded yesterday while the train was running at full speed two miles from here. Two men are reported fatally injured.

The train was badly wrecked and several cars were burned. The concussion shook houses and shattered windows for many miles.

POLISH LAND EXPROPRIATION
BILL NOW LAW IN PRUSSIA.

Diet Passes Without Change Bill Adopted By The Lords.

Berlin, March 4.—The Prussian Diet yesterday passed the Polish land expropriation bill without making any change in the measure as it was adopted by the House of Lords.